



Unanimous Approval of Supervisor Higgins & My Initiative to Begin Safety Audit Process For Both Evergreen Mills & Watson Roads

Good morning,

I wanted to provide a quick update regarding progress in our effort to improve the safety of Evergreen Mills Road (and Watson Road). At last night's Business Meeting the Board of Supervisors strongly and unanimously approved Supervisor Higgins and my joint Board Member Initiative to:

"Identify funds to engage a transportation safety consultant to develop a scope of work and plan to conduct a safety audit of Route 621 - Evergreen mills Road between Battlefield Parkway and Loudoun County Parkway, and Route 860 - between Evergreen Mills Road and Route 50, ad return to a future Board of Supervisors meeting with a cost estimate."

Originally, the motion was limited to Evergreen Mills Road; however, at the time of the motion, Supervisor Higgins and I agreed to add Watson Road and that updated motion received unanimous support from our colleagues. The Item with the original motion can be found here (once there, select 2017; 10-03-17 Business Meeting; Item 11 BMI-Safety Audit of Route 621 - Evergreen Mills Road.pdf).

Supervisor Higgins and I would like to thank all those who attended last night's meeting to show/voice their passionate support for this Item, to include Faran and Sophia Kaplan who suffered the tragic loss of Erin Kaplan in the September 8th accident at Evergreen Mills and Watson; State Delegate Randy Minchew; State Senator Dick Black; Leaders of the "Make Evergreen Mills Road Safe" Facebook page - Stephanie Manning, Kelly McGinn and Kim Barnes; many other members of the community; and of course a special thanks to our colleagues on the Board of Supervisors!

My previous update on the intersection of Evergreen Mills and Watson can be found here.

As always, we will continue to keep you informed as progress continues.



(Faran Kaplan gives passionate speech to Board of Supervisors with daughter Sophia by his side)



(Myself and Supervisor Higgins with Faran and Sophia Kaplan)

All our best - Tony & Geary

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